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This newsletter is intended to keep stakeholders of the U.S. Department of Energy's Project Management Center (PMC) informed of emerging topics of interest. John and I encourage states and other stakeholders to contact us at the above e-mail addresses with story ideas and/or articles you would like to see or discuss.

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Western States/Territories Meeting Highlights

The Western States Meeting held in Golden, CO August 1-3 brought representatives from 34 Western States together for the first time with their counterparts in the newly expanded PMC. Both groups took positive steps toward building a new, broader partnership to replace the former regional office structure.

John Kersten, Manager of the Golden Field Office, addressed the group, saying, "I know there has been some confusion about what the relationship between the Project Management Center and the States will be. It's simple. We are a partnership."

"We share the same mission to expand the development and uptake of energy efficiency and renewable energy in our nation. We will succeed to the degree that we support each other and work together.

"Will there be some glitches as we move into this new way of doing business?

"Of course there will. That's normal.

"But I can assure you that we will work together with you to effectively solve any problems as rapidly as possible.

"I can also assure you that we are open to hearing from you any suggestions on how we can do things better.

"We are also open to directly working with you to take advantage of any new opportunities that may arise to get our joint mission accomplished in the most efficient, effective manner possible.

"Within the new, expanded PMC we are committed to "One way of doing EERE business." We will work to make the internal activities of NETL and GO as seamless as possible. You, as end-users of our services, shouldn't have to worry about, or think about, whether you are doing business with NETL or GO as we internally pass things back and forth.

"Within the PMC, we are working to become one transparent team, one virtual organization. And if, over time, that is not your experience with us, then we will be doing something wrong - and, with your help, we will want to fix it, right away."

Kersten summed up his remarks by saying, "These are our commitments to you; I look forward to our expanded joint mission ahead."

Following the three-day session, one State Energy Office Director discussed his impression of the meeting, "A number of us came here expecting that what we would want to talk about and what the PMC folks would want to talk about would be different.

"We were also concerned about losing our old lines of communication with DOE that had existed through the

regional offices. We wondered what would replace it, if anything.

"We were pleasantly surprised by what we learned here.

"We went pretty quickly from worrying about a possible breakdown in communications, to learning that both sides were speaking the same language and addressing similar concerns.

"We quickly learned that the PMC managers, many of whom are the same folks we have worked with in the past, share the same concerns, hopes and aspirations as we do in the states. Even better, they are ready and willing to work with us in a very positive manner.

"It was also very good to have people from an increased number of states together in the same place, discussing common goals and programs.

"There's no question left in my mind that this new, expanded partnership between the PMC and the states can work very well. And we too are committed to making it happen. This really is a new opportunity for all of us."

Western States Meeting Presentations

During the course of the three-day meeting, many topics were covered, and to best make them available to all, we are including access to the presentations:

- Project Management Center Overview:
PMC structure and the roles and relationships of GO and NETL. Available at https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/SEO-WAP_Directors_Presentation_v4.ppt#258,1,EERE Project Management Center Overview
- National Energy Technology Laboratory Overview:
What NETL is and what it does, facts & figures. Available at https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/NETL_Overview_Western_States_Mtg_08-01-06.ppt#516,1,National Energy Technology Laboratory

- Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program (OWIP):
Short overview of OWIP and how it is structured.
Available at: https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/OWIP_Western_States-Denver-Aug_06.ppt#290,1,Slide_1
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL):
Extensive look at what NREL is and what it does.
Available at: https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/NREL_Presentation-PMC_States_Final.ppt
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP):
Extensive look at WAP history, accomplishments, future plans and reporting requirements. Available at https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/WAP_Presentation.ppt#258,1,2007 Weatherization Budget
- Texas Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS):
Overview of the Texas state RPS. https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/Texas_SEO_Presentation.ppt#257,1,Slide_1
- Toward Market Transformation in the American Buildings Industry: Overview of EERE's Buildings Technology Program and how it works to improve energy efficiency.
https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/BTP_WESTERN_STATES-Denver-Aug_06.ppt#257,1,Toward Market Transformation in the American Buildings Industry
- Solar America Initiative: What it is and how it will work to transform the U.S. marketplace for solar energy applications. Available at: https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/Solar_America_Presentation-Denver-Aug_06.ppt#1329,1, Technology Acceptance Thomas P. Kimbis U.S. Department of Energy August 2, 2006
- State Energy Program: Where it is and where it is headed. Available at: https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/states/Bailey_Western_States_July_06_V82.ppt#267,1,STATE ENERGY PROGRAM Opportunities and Challenges

PMC Projects "Point of Contact" List

A Project Management Center "Point of Contact" list for all program areas and projects will be posted in the immediate future on the PMC website at: <https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/Resources.aspx>

The finished list will give points-of-contacts for grants and cooperative agreements managed by both GO and NETL.

PVE funds now being distributed

Approximately \$43 million in PVE funds are now being distributed to the states and others, following settlement of a court case that had kept these funds tied up for an extended period.

These funds are the last that were being held in DOE's escrow accounts to pay individual claimants including governments, railroads, utility companies and other private entities who had filed prior claims. If you are claimant and need information about these funds, please contact Faith Lambert, State Energy Program, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, 202-586-2319, or e-mail: faith.lambert@ee.doe.gov

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